

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON NEW ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

**Thursday, June 28, 2007**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Room 521, House Office Building**

**Chair Clemente** called the Standing Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (11/11)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None (0/11)

The Chair announced that the committee will go at ease at 10:00 a.m. today for members to check-in for attendance on the House floor. When committees are given leave to meet, the meeting will reconvene in Room 426 of the State Capitol Building.

**Representative Huizenga** moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on June 14, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Concurrent Resolution 28** before the committee.

HCR 28    Tobocman	A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to continue to work with the states to coordinate driver's licenses with the new passport requirements to reenter the country from Canada.
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**Representative Tobocman** explained the intent of **House Concurrent Resolution 28** and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

**Representative Melton** moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Concurrent Resolution 28**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga, Garfield (9/11)

**NAYS:** None (0/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Sarah Hubbard**, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. She also submitted written material and answered questions.

**Brian DeBano**, representing the Michigan Department of Secretary of State, testified in **support** of **House Concurrent Resolution 28**.

**Laura Appel** and **Chris Mitchell**, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the concurrent resolution, but did not wish to speak.

A letter regarding **House Concurrent Resolution 28** was submitted by **Representative Paul Opsommer**.

**Representative Leland** moved to report **House Concurrent Resolution 28**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (11/11)

**NAYS:** None (0/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 4317** and **4680** before the committee.

HB 4317	Meadows	Trade; consumer goods and services; issuance of gift certificates and gift cards; prohibit expiration and certain fees.
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HB 4680	Sak	Trade; consumer goods and services; gift certificates; prohibit fees and expiration dates.
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**Representative Meadows** moved to report **House Bill 4317** with recommendation for referral to the Committee on Commerce.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (11/11)

**NAYS:** None (0/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Clack** moved to report **House Bill 4680** with recommendation for referral to the Committee on Commerce.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (11/11)

**NAYS:** None (0/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4563** before the committee.

HB 4563 Tobocman            Local government; port authorities; border development and protection authority; create.

**Representative Tobocman** explained the intent of the bill and submitted written material.

Written material was also submitted by the following:

**G. Mustafa Mohatarem**, representing General Motors Corporation; and

**Curtis Hertel**, representing the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority.

**Cynthia Allen**, representing the Custom Brokers and Forwarders Association, testified in **support** of the bill.

The **Chair** announced that the committee would go at ease, the time being **9:56 a.m.**

**Chair Clemente** called the meeting to order in room 426 of the State Capitol, the time being **10:43 a.m.**

The **Chair** returned to **House Bill 4563**.

**Cynthia Allen** returned to the testimony table to answer questions.

**Mickey Blashfield**, representing the Ambassador Bridge, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

**Aleksandra Miziolek**, representing the Dykema Gossett Law Firm, gave a presentation on Public-Private Partnerships and answered questions. She also submitted written material.

**Tom Saxton**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, also gave a presentation on Public-Private Partnerships and answered questions. He also submitted written material.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **11:55 a.m.**

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**Representative Ed Clemente, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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